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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF CENTO MINISTERIAL

REF: STATE 61908; TEHRAN 2492

, SYG BAYULKEN HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED BY IRANIANS OF
PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF CENTO MINISTERIAL TO MAY 14-15
WHEN HE ARRIVED HERE EVENING MARCH 24 FOR HIS ANNUAL VISIT.
WE THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO TELL HIM OF OUR APPROACH TO
GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, AND THAT GOI HAD SAID IT WOULD NOTIFY
HIM OF MAY 14-15 DATES WHICH WERE ACCEPTABLE TO GOI.
BAYULKEN UNDERTOOK TO SEEK REACTIONS OF OTHER CENTO
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MEMBERS. HE EXPRESSED TO US THE VIEW THAT IT WAS VERY
IMPORTANT TO FIND DATES ON WHICH SECRETARY VANCE COULD
ATTEND, AND HOPED THAT THE NEW MAY DATES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE
TO THE OTHERS.

2. FOR TEHRAN. IF YOU BELIEVE IT NECESSARY, YOU CAN INFORM
KHALATBARY THAT WE ACCEPT GOI'S JUDGMENT THAT MAY 14-15 IS

MORE SUITABLE THAN APRIL 13-14. IF THE MAY 14-15 DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHER CENTO COUNTRIES, WE ANTICIPATE THAT SECRETARY VANCE WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON MAY 14 BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO STAY FOR MAY 15 INASMUCH AS HE MUST BE BACK IN WASHINGTON THAT EVENING. WE ASSUME AGENDA COULD BE RE-ARRANGED SO AS TO PERMIT RESTRICTED GLOBAL REVIEW DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE AFTERNOON OF MAY 14 RATHER THAN MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS WOULD BE USUAL AT CENTO MINISTERIALS. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL KHALATBARY THAT WE HOPE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO CALL ON THE SHAH DURING AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF MAY 13, IF THE CENTO MEETING IS RESCHEDULED AS SUGGESTED.

3. FOR LONDON. AT LUNCH GIVEN BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR BAYULKEN MARCH 25, AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAM STATED THAT RESCHEDULING OF CENTO MEETING TO MID-MAY WOULD CREATE COMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN. UK COMMENT RESULTED FROM INFORMAL NOTIFICATION TO FCO BY EMBASSY LONDON, AND WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE SUCH AS WILL BE CALLED FOR WHEN MATTER IS PUT TO HMG BY IRANIANS AND/OR BAYULKEN.
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